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SUBJECT: CONTINUING EGYPTIAN REACTION TO CRITICISM

1. EGYPTIAN PAPERS CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT REPORTING AND
COMMENTARIES GROWING OUT OF DISENGAGEMENT.

2. GUMHURRIYA AND AKHBAR HAVE FRONT PAGE EDITORIALS SHARPLY
CRITICIZING REMARKS MADE BY ASAD IN HIS RECENT BBC INTERVIEW.
AKHBAR ALSO RUNS FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY BY MUSA SABRI OBJECTING
STRONGLY TO ALLEGED ANNOUNCEMENT BY "A SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL
AS PUBLISHED IN A LIBYAN PAPER IN BEIRUT" (AL-SAFIR?), THAT
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SYRIA WILL ACCEPT NO FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON GOLAN.

SABRI OBJECTS TO SOVIETS ACTING AS SPOKESMEN FOR SOVEREIGN SYRIA AND ADDS HE EXPECTS KHADDAM, NOW TOURING ARAB CAPITALS, "TO DISTORT EGYPTIAN STAND," AND WILL REALIZE GRAVITY OF SOVIET DECLARATION. GUMHURRIYA FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY BY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ALSO STRONGLY OBJECTS TO ASAD'S STATEMENT THAT DISENGAGEMENT CLASHES WITH UN RESOLUTIONS AND IS CALCULATED SPLIT ARAB UNITY. MOROCCAN COMMANDER IN OCTOBER WAR, GENERAL SAGHRAWI, CAN BEAR WITNESS, COMMENTARY NOTES, TO WHAT REALLY HAPPENED DURING FIRST DAYS OF FIGHTING ON SYRIAN FRONT.

3. CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE ALSO CONTINUES FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN CURRENT SITUATION. THREE-HOUR MEETING SEPT 9 WITH SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL GETS FRONT PAGE TREATMENT AND ALL PAPERS ANNOUNCE PRESIDENT WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS OF COMING STAGE WITH POLITICAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMANDERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORKING FORCES. HE IS REPORTED TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN QUESTIONS OF SOCIAL INSURANCE AND SOUND ECONOMIC PLANNING, PARTICULARLY FOR PUBLIC SECTOR.

4. ARTICLES ALSO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LATEST INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHICH HAVE ANNOUNCED SUPPORT OF AGREEMENT. NOTABLE AMONG SUCH ARTICLES IS REPORT THAT ASU FIRST SECRETARY MAHGUB HAS EMPHASIZED IN SPEECH AGREEMENT DOES NOT MEAN THE END OF STATE OF WAR AND THAT EGYPT HAS REFUSED TO PLEDGE NON-INTERFERENCE IN CASE OF ATTACK ON SYRIA. "EGYPTIAN PEACE COUNCIL" HEADED BY LEFTIST, KHALID MUHI AL-DIN, HAS ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT PAYING TRIBUTE TO GOE'S ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF FULL LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORATION RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

5. EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR AGREEMENT BY INDIA, UK, FRG, SPANISH STUDENTS, ROMANIA, SIERRA LEONE AND, OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, KIM IL SUNG ARE ALSO FEATURED.

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